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Dear Tribal Representative:

In accordance with section 1902(a) (73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) or waiver likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) seeks your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

IDHW intends to submit a renewal of its 1915(b) managed care waiver for the Idaho Smiles Dental Plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The purpose of the waiver renewal is to secure authority for continued provision of dental services for Medicaid participants under a managed care program. The effective date of the waiver renewal will be January 1, 2017.

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian Organizations

The waiver renewal will allow Idaho Medicaid to continue to provide dental benefits through the Idaho Smiles Dental Plan. This waiver renewal would continue statewide mandatory managed care dental plan enrollment for Medicaid eligible tribal members.

Copy Available on Request

IDHW is in the process of drafting the waiver renewal and a copy of the draft will be provided upon request as soon as it is available.

Comments and Questions

IDHW requests tribal representatives review and provide any comments or concerns regarding the renewal of this waiver by September 30, 2016. Please submit your comments and concerns to Ms. Cindy Brock, Alternative Care Coordinator, by phone at (208) 364-1983 or by email at brocke@dhw.idaho.gov. You can also request a copy of the waiver draft from Ms. Brock. The waiver renewal request will be presented at the next quarterly meeting, scheduled for November 2016.

Sincerely,

MATT WIMMER
Administrator

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